

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-9,11-15 and 20-25 are pending in this application. Claims 9, 12-15 and 20-25 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended, support for which may be found on page 8, line 33 to page 9, line 8 of the application as originally filed. Claims 3-6 have been amended for clarity.

Claim 1, 3-8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsubaki (previously presented). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 as amended recites in part “pin diode is powered by a DC-source and switchable by means of the switch either into a non-conductive mode or into a conductive mode in which the switchable connection between the control electrode and the reference potential is short circuited” which is not disclosed, suggested or taught by Tsubaki. In particular, no pin-diode or a diode being powered by a DC-source is disclosed, suggested or taught by Tsubaki. Hence, Claim 1 is non-obvious and allowable over Tsubaki. Claims 3-8 and 11 depend from Claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Claims in view of the amendment and remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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